and examination system at school level, which causes, great psychological stress on the students and leads them to take extreme steps like suicide, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when there will be a comprehensive review of the education system for making it more interesting for the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The Government have come across occasional reports of suicides following declaration of results of examinations. These incidents are related to a number of factors including individual personality, home environment, peer pressure and a situation in which career opportunities are very limited in relation to a mounting number of aspirants and examinations being a major determinant of career path.

The functional steps envisaged in the National Policy of Education 1986 and reiterated in the Programme of Action 1992 include elimination of excessive elements of chance and susbjectivity, removal of the emphasis on memorisation, continuous and comprehensive evaluation, improvement in conduct of examination, introduction of semester system from Secondary stage and use of grades in place of marks. Implementation of this policy and introduction of requisite reforms within the educational sytem is a continuous process.

Branding of Freedom Fighters as Terrorists

1945. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT be pelased to state:

(a) whether any State Government's Education Department is authorised to brand freedom fighters as terrorists, as it is done in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, since when Government made such decision; and

(c) if not, how the Central Government reacted to Uttar Pradesh Government's efforts to repaint freedom fighters as terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The Government have no information about the efforts of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, as referred to in the quesiton, to repaint freedom fighters as terrorists. No such authorisation has been either sought or given.

Neglect of Qutab-ub-Din Tomb

1946. SHRIMATI URMILABEN:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Hazira' a tomb of Mughal Emperor Jahangir's tutor Qutab-ub-Din, built in 16th century and 'Tambakarwada in Rapura, built in 19th century in Baroda, which are of historical and archaeological importance, are in utter state of negligence;

(b) whether it is a fact that these monuments are further under distress due to vandalism by the local people;

(c) whether the present arrangement for the protection of these monuments under ASI is not adequate; and

(d) if so, the measures Government propose to take for proper up-keep and maintenance of these monuments?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The centrally protected monuments are in a good state of preservation.